

The Underrated Mediterranean Hotspots

There are so many gems in the Mediterranean. It's one of the most picturesque and divine places on the planet. From the scenery to the delicious food and wine that makes you gain a few kgs (kgs of happiness, we'd argue), it's easy to see why so many people pick it as their destination of choice.

The beauty is, you don't have to go where everyone else is going. There are so many underrated Mediterranean hotspots that we think are just as good, if not better (you won't find yourself hunting for a free table in summer!).

Read on for some of the most underrated Mediterranean spots.

Gibraltar: The Rock That Rocks

Population: Around 39,000

Why it's great: No other place on earth allows you to stand on British soil and see Spain or Africa in one day.

Gibraltar is a perfect fusion of British and Mediterranean cultures. Ideal for anyone [relocating to Gibraltar](#) who prefers living in small towns with grand views. The Upper Rock Nature Reserve is a must-visit for its famous Barbary macaques and panoramic vistas.

Best areas to live: High-class choices are Ocean Village and Catalan Bay. Ocean Village provides modern apartments at a thriving marina, while Catalan Bay offers tranquillity with local zest.

Where to eat and drink:

- **The Clipper:** A real British pub experience.

- **Nuno's at the Caleta:** Outstanding Italian cuisine with a twist of Mediterranean flavour.
- **The Angry Friar:** A place where locals and tourists hang out over cheap pints and hearty meals.

Piran, Slovenia: A Coastal Fairytale

Population: Around 4,000

Why it's great: Hidden away on the tiny Slovenian coast, Piran is like a postcard picture experience. Its Venetian-style architecture and calmness make it a secret heaven.

Best areas to live: The heart of Piran is Tartini Square, surrounded by cobblestone streets and picturesque buildings. If you live near the Old Town, it would be easy for you to find cafés and markets or get to the marina.

Where to eat and drink:

- **Fritolin Pri Cantini:** A small place with fresh seafood. Everyone recommends the squid rings!
- **Pirat Piran:** Known for its massive portions and incredible local tastes.
- **Cafè Teater:** Sip coffee or wine while watching the sunset in front of you over the Adriatic Sea—it doesn't get much better than that.



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Lampedusa, Italy: The Southernmost Escape

Population: Around 6,000

Why it's great: Lampedusa is all about being pure. Famous for its transparent waters and the incredibly popular Rabbit Beach—frequently included among the “best beaches in the world”—it’s an oasis for nature lovers and people looking for peace.

Best areas to live: The town centre is vibrant but not too overwhelming, which means you can easily access shops and restaurants. If you prefer a quieter life, then move closer to Rabbit Beach or Cala Creta.

Where to eat and drink:

- **Ristorante Cavalluccio Marino:** A hidden treasure on the beach where you can dine on the freshest, most delicious fish.
- **Bar dell'Amicizia:** It is renowned for its granita, a cold, fresh Sicilian dessert.
- **La Lampara:** A small place with the most genuine Italian dishes we think you'll ever eat.

Kavala, Greece: A Hidden Historical Gem

Population: Around 70,000

Why it's great: Kavala is an exemplary combination of history, beaches, and modern living. This so-called "[blue city](#)" marvellously lies amidst turquoise waters and boasts stunning Ottoman and Byzantine heritage and architecture.

Best areas to live: Panagia is located in the Old Town—narrow streets with traditional houses make it a charming place to live. The city centre has more modern flats and provides all the amenities you need.

Where to eat and drink:

- **1901 Wine Bar:** A perfect place for lovers of Greek wines.
- **Sousouro:** This trendy spot offers local Greek cuisine with a twist.
- **Taverna Meltemi:** Serving delicious, same-day-caught, fresh seafood in a cosy atmosphere.

Kotor, Montenegro: A Bay Worth

Staying For

Population: Around 13,000

Why it's great: Set inside a breathtaking bay surrounded by mountains, Kotor feels like part of a fairytale. The UNESCO-listed mediaeval old town is an enchanting place to explore.

Best areas to live: In Dobrota, beautiful homes on the waterfront will make incredible homes. In Muo, there are several living options with stunning views of the bay.

Where to eat and drink:

- **Galion:** Have dinner above the stunning bay and watch the golden sun.
- **Letrika:** Perfect for cocktails with locals at a lively bar.
- **Konoba Scala Santa:** Montenegrin traditional foods in a rural environment.

Who wouldn't want to live in the Mediterranean? It fills every fibre of your being and fills you with joy—or is it really just the excellent food and wine?

Seriously though, if you're thinking about relocating or going on vacation to the Mediterranean, then these are the underrated hotspots you need to go to.